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SUBJECT: US-FRG SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

1. US AND FRG OFFICIALS MET RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON TO WORK OUT LANGUAGE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE 1976 SOCIAL SECURITY TOTALIZATION AGREEMENT. FOR THE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBING THOSE TALKS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DURING THE PERIOD FROM 27 FEBRUARY THROUGH 10 MARCH 1978, DELEGATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HELD DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMULATING A DRAFT TEXT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT WAS SIGNED IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 7, 1976.
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THE LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATIONS IS ATTACHED AS ANNEX 1.

3. THE TWO DELEGATIONS WERE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS RELEVANT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 7, 1976, AND HAVE AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT THAT THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT ON THESE

POINTS BE FORMALLY CONCLUDED.

4. HOWEVER, IN REGARD TO THE ISSUE RAISED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION WITH RESPECT TO THE DEADLINE FOR RETROACTIVE PAYMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GERMAN PENSION INSURANCE SYSTEM BY CERTAIN GROUPS OF U.S. CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS, THE U.S. DELEGATION REGRETTED THAT IT WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE GERMAN PROPOSAL AND CONSIDERS THE MATTER STILL OPEN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GERMAN DELEGATION ASSURED THE U.S. DELEGATION THAT HE WILL RAISE THE ISSUE WITH THE RESPONSIBLE GERMAN MINISTER. END TEXT. COOPER

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